

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as specified below.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line3 as follows:

-- This Patent Application is related to co-pending Patent Application No. 10/609,260 [[\_ / \_\_\_\_\_]](Attorney Docket Number MS1-1043US), titled "Methods And Apparatuses For Providing Short Digital Signatures Using Curve-Based Cryptography". --